

PREFACE

This volume of the *Journal of Differential Equations* grew out of two conferences, the Third Americas Conference on Differential Equations and Nonlinear Analysis in Atlanta and the Conference on Dynamical Systems and Evolutionary Equations in Lisbon, which took place in 1998 in celebration of Professor Jack K. Hale's 70th birthday. These conferences provided an occasion to honor Professor Hale for his fundamental contributions and leadership in the field of nonlinear dynamics and differential equations. A single, but significant, example of this has been his role as Editor-in-Chief of this journal for the past 20 years. Therefore, it seems only fitting that the international community of mathematicians, whose work has benefitted directly or indirectly from Professor Hale, use this forum to express appreciation for his efforts.

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